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**R**EMEMBER MOTHER GOOSE, REYNARD THE FOX, AND OTHER FAIRY TALES? WELL... FIENDS LIKE ME READ TALES LIKE THESE TOO! ONLY... OUR STORIES ARE JUST A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT. HOW SO? WELL... WOULD YOU LIKE TO LISTEN TO ONE? ALL RIGHT, IT STARTED LIKE THIS. HANSEL AND GRETEL WERE WALKING THROUGH THE FOREST ONE DAY, WHEN... OH... BUT THAT'S MY STORY!

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HEH, HEH...  
HEE! HEE!  
PEEK-A-BOO!

I'VE MADE A NOISE AND...  
AND... S-SHE'S SEEN ME! LORD...  
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO  
NOW? SHE'S SEEN  
ME!



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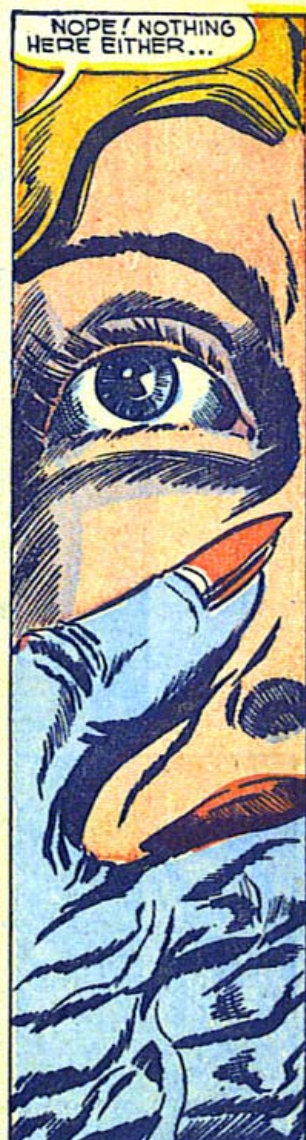


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**B**UT SCREAMS WERE JACK'S ONLY ANSWERS. SECONDS LATER, HE WAS RUNNING DOWN STRANGE CONCRETE STEPS TOWARDS THE CELLAR...





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**I**NTO THE KITCHEN THEY WENT.. AROUND AND AROUND... THE HUNTER AND THE HUNTED...



MUSN'T LET HER SEE ME NOW... MY LAST CHANCE... NO ESCAPE...

PEEK-A-BOO! HEH! HEH! I LIKE TO PLAY GAMES TOO. I MAY BE OLD FASHIONED... BUT I LIKE TO WORK UP AN APPETITE BEFORE BREAKFAST!



THOUGHT YOU COULD FOOL ME, DIDN'T YOU? WELL... I KNOW YOU'RE HERE... YES I DO. NOW COME OUT! ARE YOU IN THE OVEN, YOU BAD BOY? COME OUT!

A FEW MORE INCHES... JUST A FEW MORE...

**W**ITH ALL HIS STRENGTH JACK SHOVED THE GHOUL INTO THE HUGE DUTCH OVEN...



ARCHHY!

IN YOU GO, YOU OLD WITCH!

**A**ND MUCH LATER...



LET ME OUT! TAKE WHAT I GOT. MONEY.. ANYTHING YOU WANT... BUT LET ME OUT AN' DON'T TELL THE POLICE. PLEASE!

READY, DEAR?



IN A MINUTE, JACK. EVERYTHING'S SO MESSY HERE. MY... THERE'S AN INCH OF DUST ON THIS TABLE!

LET ME OUT! PLEASE! I'M SUFFOCATING. YOU CAN'T LET ME STAY IN HERE LIKE THIS. GET THE POLICE.. DO SOMETHING!



WE WILL, OLD GIRL. WE WILL! ARE THE KNIVES SHARPENED, DEAR?

YES, HONEY. YOU CAN TURN THE OVEN ON NOW. THIS WILL BE THE BEST MEAL WE'VE HAD FOR A LONG TIME!

**J**ACK AND CAROL HADN'T LIED, YOU SEE. THEY WERE ARTISTS... AND THEY WERE VERY HUNGRY! ARTISTS OF WHAT? OF EATING! DIDN'T YOU KNOW? THEY WERE THE YOUNGER GENERATION OF GHOULS... THE MODERN, UP-TO-DATE KIND WHO DON'T BELIEVE IN RAW MEAT! AND SO... THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER!

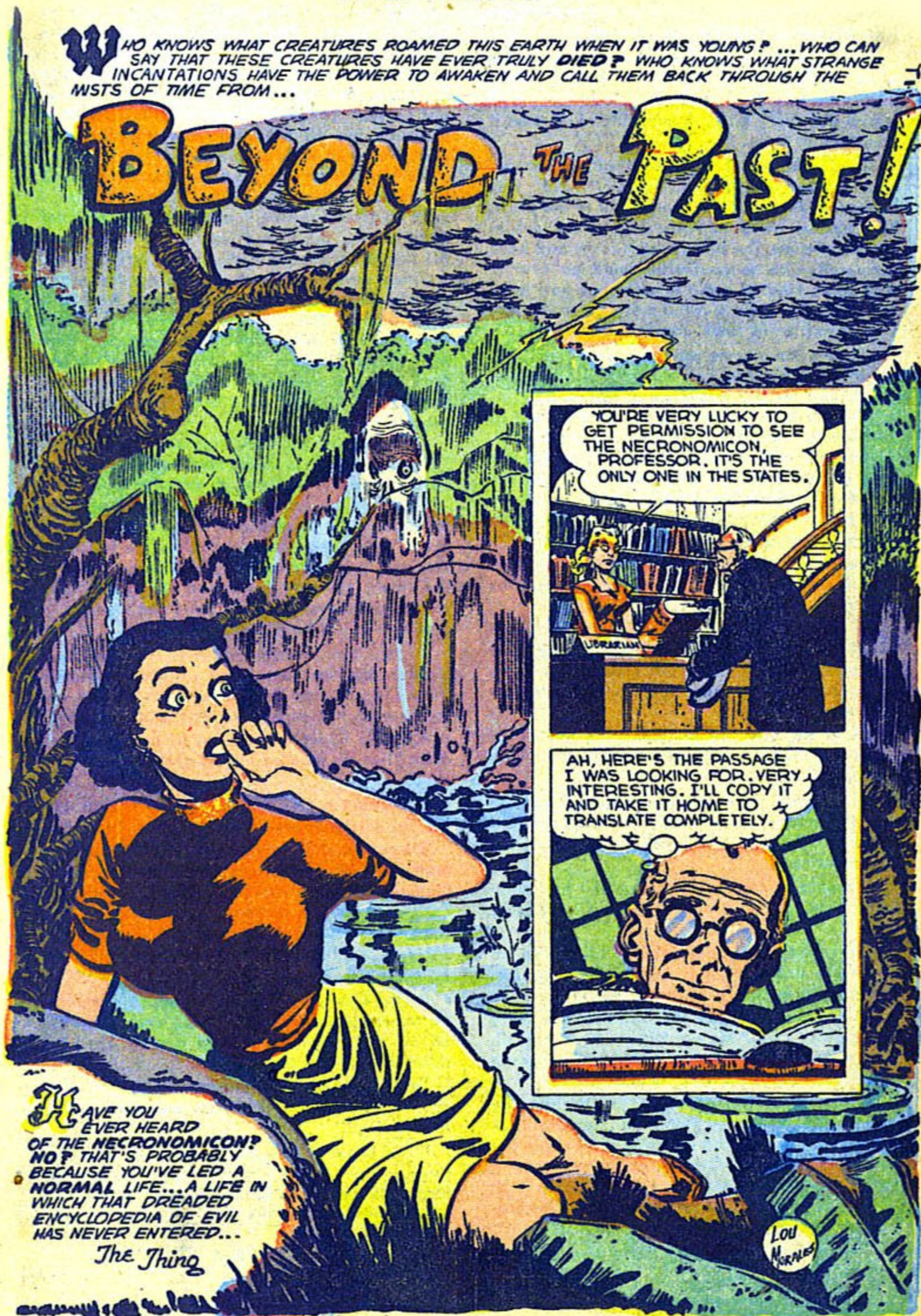
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**W**HO KNOWS WHAT CREATURES ROAMED THIS EARTH WHEN IT WAS YOUNG? ...WHO CAN SAY THAT THESE CREATURES HAVE EVER TRULY **DIED**? WHO KNOWS WHAT STRANGE INCANTATIONS HAVE THE POWER TO AWAKEN AND CALL THEM BACK THROUGH THE WISTS OF TIME FROM...

## BEYOND THE PAST!



YOU'RE VERY LUCKY TO GET PERMISSION TO SEE THE NECRONOMICON, PROFESSOR. IT'S THE ONLY ONE IN THE STATES.



AH, HERE'S THE PASSAGE I WAS LOOKING FOR. VERY INTERESTING. I'LL COPY IT AND TAKE IT HOME TO TRANSLATE COMPLETELY.



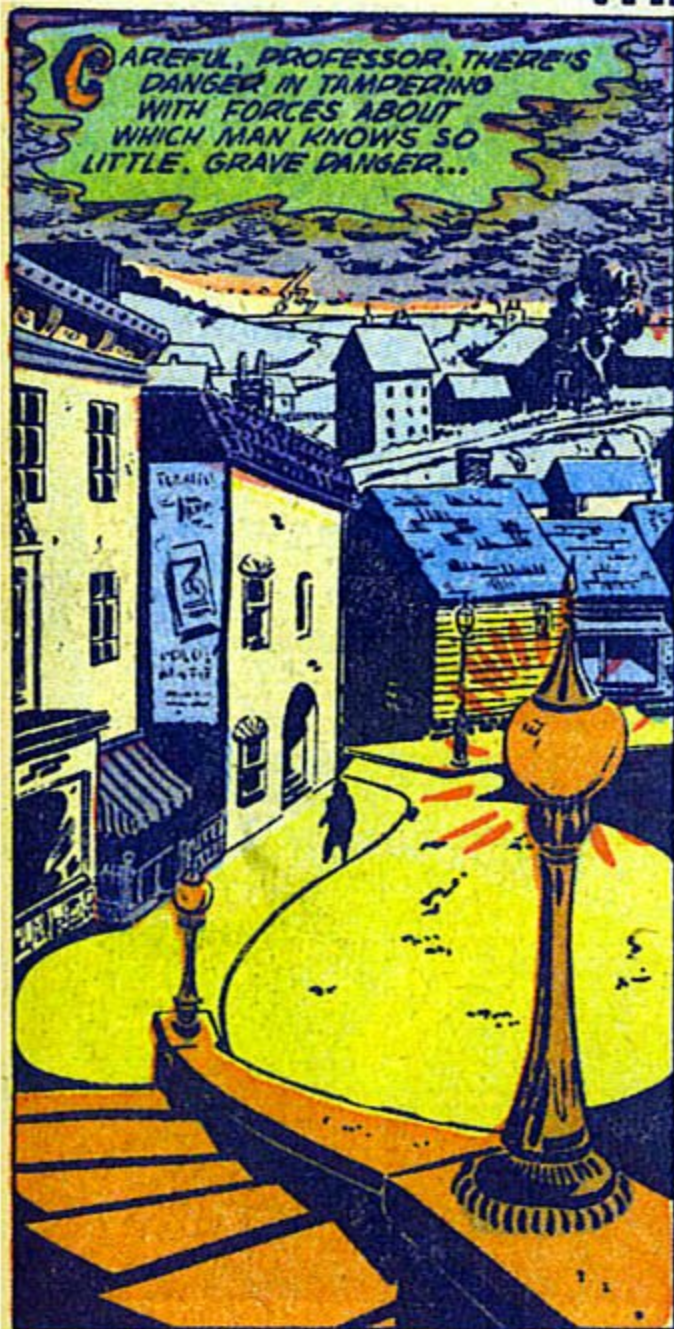
**H**AVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE NECRONOMICON? NO? THAT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE YOU'VE LED A NORMAL LIFE...A LIFE IN WHICH THAT DREADED ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EVIL HAS NEVER ENTERED...

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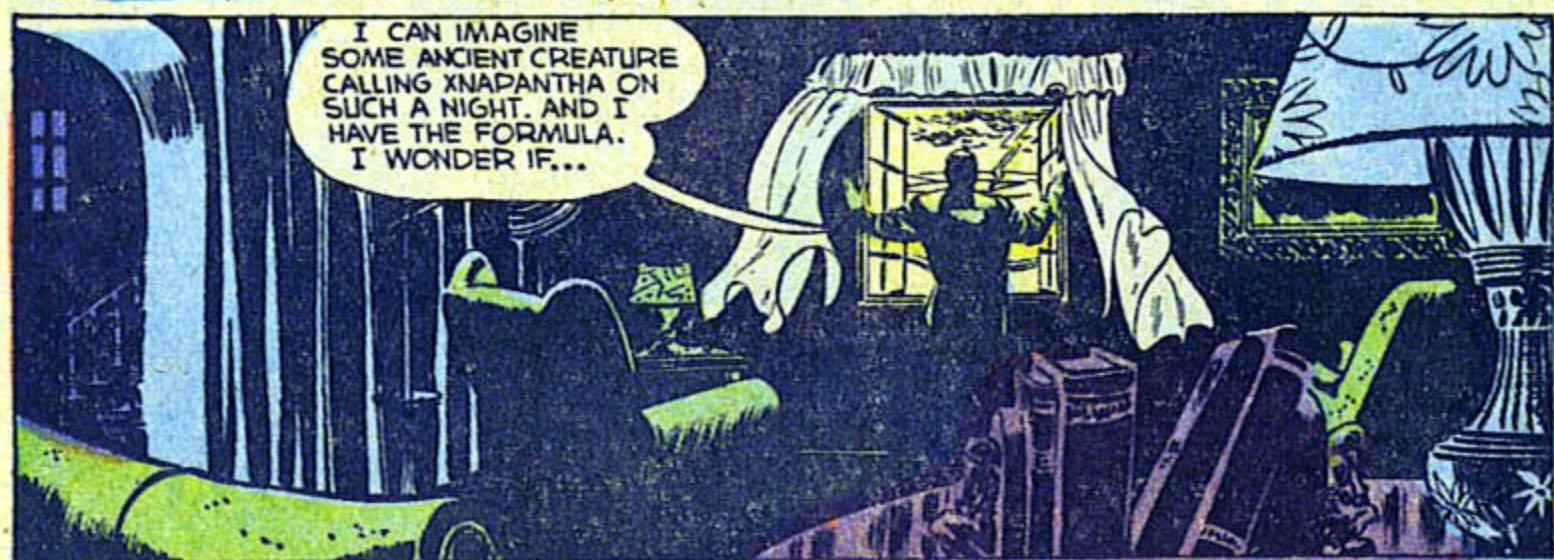
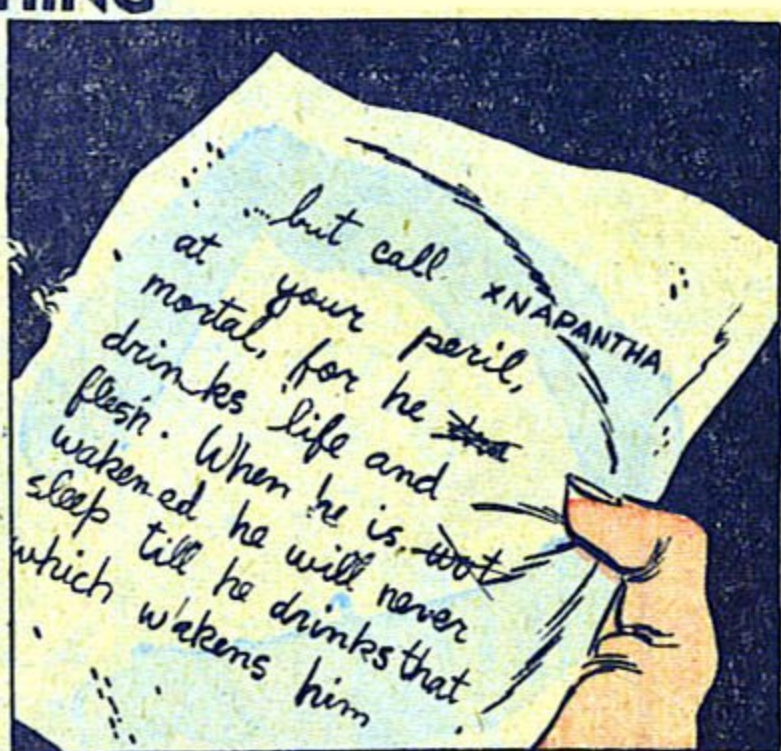


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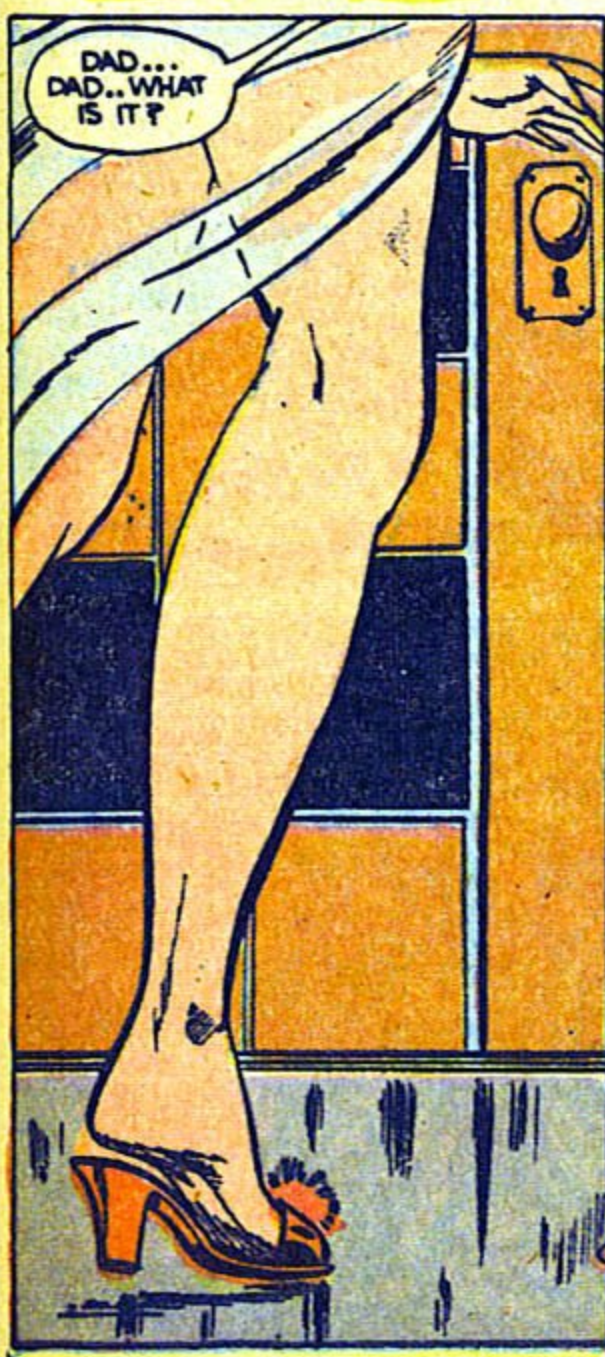


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